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HOT ISSUES:

EPA and Illinois EPA Act on Elevated Levels of ethylene oxide in Willowbrook, Illinois

Key message: After identifying ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions from the Sterigenics facility, EPA and Illinois EPA, in partnership with the company, have taken actions to reduce emissions.

On June 26, Illinois EPA issued a construction permit, allowing Sterigenics to route previously uncontrolled EtO emissions to an existing scrubber. On June 27, EPA and Illinois EPA met with Sterigenics to discuss this project. Sterigenics expects to complete construction in 4-6 weeks and have committed to work cooperatively and share information about their reduced EtO emissions after the construction is completed.

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